GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Shortage of Health Workers for Malaria Elimination
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of measures taken by the Government to address the shortage of 40,000 Multipurpose Health Workers (MHW) to carry out active surveillance of malaria under the National Strategic Plan (NSP) for Malaria Elimination (2017-22);

(b) whether the Government plans to partner with any international organization to implement the above mentioned NSP;

(c) if any, details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to take special measures to access conflict affected North-Eastern States where the incidence of malaria is particularly high; and

(e) whether the Government plans to adopt practices from the approach taken by Sri Lanka in becoming a malaria-free nation, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): The National Strategic Plan (NSP) for Malaria Elimination (2017-2022) envisages provision for Communicable Disease Workers to carry out active surveillance of malaria.

(b): No.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Yes.

(e): Yes. The Government of India has plan to make India as malaria free nation. Accordingly, the National Framework for Malaria Elimination (NFME) (2016-2030) has been launched in February 2016 and Operational Manual for malaria elimination published in April, 2016. The National Strategic Plan (NSP) for Malaria Elimination (2017-2022), has been launched by Hon'ble HFM on 12th July, 2017. The approach and practices taken by Sri Lanka to become a malaria free nation have been considered and adopted suitably.